

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application.

In the outstanding Official Action, claims 1-24 are subjected to a restriction requirement.

I. Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1-24 to a single invention under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372. Claims 1-24 were subjected to a restriction requirement as follows:

- Group I - Claims 1-13, drawn to a device for iontophoretic delivery of a drug at less than a maximal current density;
- Group II - Claims 14-17, drawn to a method for iontophoretically administering drug at less than a maximal current density;
- Group III - Claims 18-24, drawn to a sponge of porous structure.

Applicants hereby elect claims 18-24 of Group III, without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

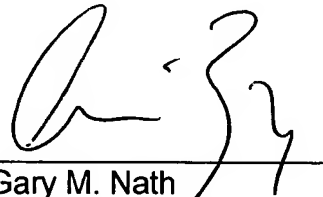
CONCLUSION

Having made the required election, examination on the merits is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner deem that any further action by Applicants' undersigned representative is desirable and/or necessary, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,

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